GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:121
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2006
COMPUTER FACILITIES IN POST OFFICES OF RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Government proposes to provide rural post offices with e-mail, internet and computer facilities ;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c)The number of rural post offices in the country presently equipped with e-mail, internet and Computer facilities;

(d) Whether the Government has formulated any time bound programme to provide computer facilities in the remaining rural post offices in the country ;

(e) If so, the details thereof; and

(f) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 121 FOR 29TH NOVEMBER, 2006 REGARDING COMPUTER FACILITIES IN POST OFFICES OF RURAL AREAS.

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has provided departmental rural post offices having more than two public counters each with computer facilities. There are 2,355 such post offices of which 243 have internet and 181 e-mail transmission facilities.

(d) & (e) As of now, the Department does not have any approved time bound programme to provide computer facilities in the remaining rural post offices of the country. However, formulations in this regard are in progress.

(f) Does not arise in view of (d) & (e) above.